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Question: Promoting Peace Among Youth Through Sports
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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

Reminding peace among and within nations is a fundamental human aspiration and a primary goal of the global development community,

Fully believing that sports are by its very essence the only language understood by all,

Recognizing that sports work primarily by bridging relationships across social, economic and cultural divides within society,

Taking into consideration the number of recorded occasions during World War 1 where troops left the trenches and became friends with the enemy, before returning to fight the war again,

Observing that sports also lays the foundations for a more peaceful, and humane world,

- I. Suggests that there is no need to wait every four years for the Olympic games but frequently organizing
 - A. More and more regional,
 - B. National and,
 - C. Multinational informal and recreational games such as but not limited to,
 - i. Peace Through Sport Camps,
 - ii. Clinics,
 - iii. Gala's,
 - iv. Matches,
 - v. Contests,
 - vi. Leagues and,
 - vii. Tournaments **such as but not limited to**,
 - a. World Cups and,
 - viii. Other various sporting events to keep the youth engaged in the field.
- II. Encourages countries to compete in sports, and view that as a way to beat "the enemy" and countries such as but not limited to,
 - A. Somalia can find an identity in any World Sport to promote peace,
 - B. Zimbabwe should be allowed to compete at cricket despite having Robert Mugabe as a president,
- III. Calls upon sporting celebrities to use their popularity to make encourage the youth and make sports better known since,
 - A. They are,

- a. Role models,
- b. Heroes and,
- c. A source of inspiration for young people throughout the world and,
- d. Sports personalities have a voice that can be heard around the world and,
- e. Can be extremely influential spokespeople for peace and serve as negotiators between hostile nations to creating openings for dialogue.

IV. Invites boys and girls in their communities to participate and provide them with sport and play activities that,

- A. Promote peace building,
- B. Promote the use of non-violent conflict resolution techniques and,
- C. Coach, train, and support their favorite athletes and teams,
- D. Facilitate and reward participants irrespective of their loss or victory,

V. Urges political leaders to act in favor of peace by,

- A. Organizing conferences on sports and peace,
- B. Deploying young people for the promotion of the Olympic ideals,
- C. Developing initiatives with other organizations specializing in the field of peace, including the United Nations and,
- D. Creating educational and research programs to promote the Olympic Truce.